

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application in the light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. AMENDMENTS

Throughout the specification of this application, the terms "ring-like" and "plate-like" have been changed to --ring-shaped-- and --plate-shaped--, respectively. No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendments.

II. THE REJECTIONS

A. 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 because the phrase "said operating pin" (claim 1, line 28) lacks sufficient antecedent basis. The phrase "said operating pin" has been changed to --said locking pin--. Accordingly, it is believed that this rejection has been overcome, insofar as it relates to Claims 1-10.

B. 35 USC 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang (5,395,154) in view of Yoo (4,770,559). However, the Examiner indicated that Claims 2-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of Claim 2. Accordingly, Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-10 has been cancelled.

III. The New Claims

New Claims 11-15 depend from Claim 1 either directly or indirectly, and therefore, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. New independent Claim 16 includes essential parts of the features set forth in originally filed Claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, it is believed that new Claim 16 is allowable for at least same reasons as Claim 5. New Claims 17 and 18 depend from Claim 16 either directly or indirectly, and therefore, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 5.

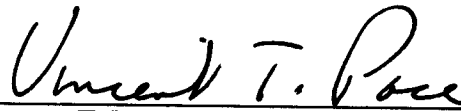
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CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is believed that Claims 1 and 11 to 18 of this application are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in the light of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

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